

THE MINUTE MEN'S CLUB.

Active Adjunct to Lincoln Temple.—Mr. Moore's Efforts Crowned with Success.

Lincoln Temple, the Institutional Church, located corner 11th and R streets, N. W., is a unique anchor of the religious life of Washington. Its membership is composed of some of the most intelligent and refined people of the city at the nation's capital; and in addition to the regular program of religious work, it is constantly introducing innovations. Rev. N. Brown, the energetic pastor, has surrounded himself with an active army of workers, and no stone is left unturned to strengthen, to improve and to build up the different departments of the church. The "Second Annual Souvenir" was issued on the first of the month by the Minute Men's Club, composed of the active young men of the church, whose special duty is to assist the pastor at all times on short no-



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tice, and the church in any and all ways possible. The Minute Men's Club comes under the head of the Business office and Industrial department, and has contributed much for the good of the cause and for the church.

The active force in this work and the Superintendent of the entire Industrial department is Mr. Zeph Moore, a modest but successful young business man of our city. Mr. Moore early allied himself with Park Temple, and when that church united with Lincoln Memorial church, he transferred the same fidelity, life and activity to the new church. In selecting Mr. Moore to take charge of this work, the pastor made no mistake for it is being demonstrated that the same business methods are put into the Industrial department of the church work, that is put into his own business. The "Second Annual Souvenir" just referred to is one of the results of

Mr. Moore's work. Mr. Moore came to this city some years ago, a young man from the South and engaged in the real estate and loan business immediately. It was not long until he had built up a good business. Meantime he connected himself with the church of his faith. That he is a positive force in the church, goes without saying; and Lincoln Temple with its ever-growing membership is justly proud of her gifted and faithful son.

Judge Robert H. Terrell, wife and daughter have returned from their southern trip to Memphis, Tenn. The judge delivered the Emancipation celebration address on September 22d, which was favorably commented upon by the southern papers. Mrs. Terrell also addressed a large gathering at the auditorium in Church's Park while in Memphis.

ULTIMATUM TO SANTO DOMINGO.

Minister Powell Serves Notice that Arbitrators Must be Named.

Santo Domingo, Republic of Santo Domingo, Oct. 5, Special.—It was reported this morning that United States Minister Powell had informed the Dominican minister for foreign affairs that he expects to receive within ten days the names of the arbitrators in the



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case of the claim of the improvement company, adding that matters cannot be delayed much longer.

The government, up-to-date, has refused to recognize the agreement made with the late Vasquez government, and desires to reopen the whole question. The United States Minister has refused to accept all propositions of this character.

Messrs. Charles Sayles and Eugene Green, left guards, and Mr. Edward Bolden, key-boy at the bathing beach, gave such general satisfaction last season that Superintendent Stevens has retained them for the coming season. The beach will be enlarged and improved in many ways for the next season.

The Grand Fountain of the United Order of True Reformers

Is the leading Colored Fraternal Society of the United States. It was organized January, 1881, by William W. Browne, and chartered in April, 1883, under the laws of the State of Virginia, with headquarters at Richmond, Va. Its membership is both male and female, and consists of all persons of good health from 14 to 60 years of age. Its membership of 60,000 is divided into Fountains and Circles. It pays sick benefits from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per week, and pays death benefits from \$24.56 to \$1000.

BENEFITS PAID—Total benefits paid to date: Sick dues, \$1,500,000; death benefits, \$714,378.75.

SENIOR FOUNTAINS—A Fountain may be organized consisting of 20 or more persons not over 50 years of age paying a joining fee of from \$4.60 to \$5.10 each. The monthly dues are not less than 35 cents in rural districts and not less than 50 cents per month in towns and cities, and a semi-annual tax of 40 cents paid in January and July of each year. Sick benefits paid are from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per week, while death benefits range from \$75 to \$125. A Fountain may be organized in any locality on application to Rev. W. L. Taylor, G. W. Master, or to any of his authorized deputies.

ROSEBUDS—For the proper training of the young and their development in thrift, industry and brotherly love, there has been formed a Children's Department known as the Rosebuds. Twenty or more children not less than three nor more than fourteen years of age may form a Rosebud, upon the payment of \$1 each. This department, like the Senior Fountain, pays sick benefits from \$1 to twenty-five cents per week, and death benefits from \$24.50 to \$37. The monthly dues are fifteen cents per month.

CLASSES—Persons desiring to leave their beneficiaries at death a larger amount than is paid from Fountain Department, take out policies in one or more of the Classes of the Mutual Benefit Degree. The members of this degree are divided into Circles, and pay joining fees and dues according to the following tables:

Class "B"						Class "E"					
Age	Joining fee.	Value of Certificate after one year.	Value of Certificate before one year.	Annual Dues	Quarterly Dues	Age	Joining fee.	Value of Certificate after one year.	Value of Certificate before one year.	Annual Dues	Quarterly Dues
14 to 25	\$2.50	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$4.75	\$1.20	14 to 25	\$5.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$9.50	\$2.40
25 to 30	2.75	200.00	100.00	4.75	1.20	25 to 30	5.25	500.00	250.00	9.50	2.40
30 to 35	3.00	200.00	100.00	4.75	1.20	30 to 35	5.50	500.00	250.00	9.50	2.40
35 to 40	3.25	200.00	100.00	5.70	1.43	35 to 40	5.75	500.00	250.00	10.40	2.60
40 to 45	3.50	200.00	100.00	5.70	1.43	40 to 45	6.00	450.00	225.00	10.40	2.60
45 to 50	3.75	115.00	58.00	6.65	1.66	45 to 50	6.25	400.00	200.00	11.40	2.85
50 to 55	4.00	70.00	45.00	6.35	1.66	50 to 55	6.50	350.00	175.00	11.40	2.85
55 to 60	4.25	65.00	33.00	7.60	1.90	55 to 60	6.75	300.00	150.00	11.40	2.85

Class "M"				
Age	Joining fee.	Value of Certificate	Annual dues	Quarterly dues
14 to 30	\$1.00	\$100.00	\$2.90	\$0.75
30 to 35	1.20	10.00	2.00	0.50
35 to 40	1.20	90.00	2.00	0.50
40 to 45	1.30	80.00	2.40	0.60
45 to 50	1.30	70.00	2.50	0.65

REGALIA—The members of the Fountains and Rosebuds of the organization wear no expensive regalia. The regalia of the organization is simple and its cost will be in the easy reach of all, costing from 10 cents to \$3. The same is made by the organization in what is known as the Regalia Department.

THE SAVINGS BANK—In March, 1888, there was granted by the Legislature of Virginia a charter to the Savings Bank of the Grand Fountain United Order of True Reformers, capital stock \$100,000. The bank commenced business April 3, 1889, and from that time down to the present has steadily increased in volume of business. It now has a paid up capital stock of \$100,000. From the humble sum of \$1,268.69, deposited the first day the bank opened for business in 1889 the deposits have grown to \$350,058, and the volume of business transacted amounts to \$6,190,141.47. During the financial panic of 1893, the Savings Bank of the Grand Fountain was the only bank in the city of Richmond that did not cease to pay cash on all checks presented, while the majority of other banks were using script and clearing house checks. This bank had its origin in the brain of William W. Browne, an ex-slave of Haversham, Ga. The banking house is located at 604 North Second Street, Richmond, Va., Rev. W. L. Taylor, President; R. T. Hill, Cashier.

REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT—The Real Estate Department has charge of all the real property to the amount of \$220,221.65, situated in various States, consisting of 13 magnificent buildings used as halls, 8 dwellings, 1 hotel, 5 stores and three farms. It also has under its control 16 large buildings leased by it. This department is under the management of Lawyer J. C. Robertson, chief of real estate and attorney for the association, office at 608 N. 2nd Street, Richmond, Va.

REFORMERS MERCANTILE AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION—Was chartered under the laws of the State of Virginia on the 14th day of December, 1899, with principal office in the city of Richmond, Va. The purpose of this association is to conduct stores (wholesale and retail), buy and sell real property, manage and control hotels, manufacturing establishments, and do general business. The association has in operation Hotel Reformer, 900 N. Sixth Street, Richmond, Va. It is a modern up-to-date structure, heated by steam, cold and hot water baths, also electric cars passing the door. This hotel has accommodations for 150 guests. Mr. A. W. Holmes is manager, and Mr. T. W. Taylor is clerk. It has in operation a system of five stores, located as follows: Richmond, Va.; Washington, D. C.; Manchester, Va.; Portsmouth, Va.; and Roanoke, Va. The first of these stores, at Richmond, Va., was opened April 3d, 1900. It employs a force of 18 men, runs three delivery wagons, and during the first year did \$50,000 worth of business. The other stores have been established since, and have been equally as prosperous. The general manager of the system of stores is Mr. B. L. Jordan, headquarters at 608 N. Second Street, Richmond, Va. This Association was formed on the plans and recommendations made by Rev. W. L. Taylor, its President.

THE REFORMER PRINTING DEPARTMENT—Issues a weekly journal, THE REFORMER, which has a circulation of 12,000. This paper is published in the interest of the race, and discusses the leading questions of the day. The subscription price is \$1 per year, or 5c. per single copy. The office is equipped with modern up-to-date machinery, run by electricity. It can print anything from a visiting card to a poster 42 by 62 inches. Fine job work of every class and description is made a specialty at lowest prices. Mr. E. W. Brown is editor and business manager, office 608 N. Second Street, Richmond, Va. Correspondence solicited and agents wanted.

OLD FOLKS' HOME—In September, 1893, Rev. William W. Browne recommended the formation and establishment of Old Folks' Homes for the benefit of old and decrepit members of the race. Since that time the valuable farm known as Westham, consisting of 634 1/2 acres, located six miles from Richmond, Va., on the historic "James," has been purchased, at a cost of \$14,400. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad runs through the farm, and Westham Station is located on it. Adjoining this farm is Westhampton Park, one of the most pleasant resorts in the South in summer. It is reached in a few minutes from Richmond by the Westhampton Electric Railway and the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. As this home is for the benefit of the whole race, the co-operation of all charitable friends is prayerfully solicited. All contributions, donations and bequests of every character will be very thankfully received. Mr. T. W. Taylor is chief in charge of the Old Folks' Home, offices at 608 North Second Street, Richmond, Va.

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